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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

THE TREASURER

AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS,

—OF—

DORCHESTER, N. H.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Selectmen for 1882,	$5909 86
Henry Morrill, collector for 1882,	1717 18
" " 1881,	844 75
Ira B. Norris, collector for 1879,	48 00
In hands of Treasurer, March 1st, 1882,	721 93
	$9,241 72

Disbursements.

Paid School Money,	$360 97
on Notes,	4641 64
on Miscellaneous,	1054 16
Lawsuit expenses,	992 36
Highways,	632 06
Town Officers,	289 25
Bounties,	3 30
Paupers,	714 69
Sheep killed by dogs,	20 50
Damage on Highway,	17 72
Abatements,	23 12
Cash in Treasury,	491 95
	$9241 72

Paid on Notes.

Paid March 10, 1882, Samuel Stevens,	$799 75
April 8, Henry Morrill,	967 75
May 1, Mary J. Swett,	515 72
May 1, Roxan W. Leavitt,	1303 30

June 1st. Sarah M. Martin.	193 47
June 29th, Maria A. Dolloff,	77 73
Aug. 26th, Maria A. Hodge,	30 00
Sept. 2d, B. J. Morrill,	25 00
Sept. 5, Mary E. Davis,	206 83
Sept. 22, Laura A. Kidder.	25 00
Nov. 10, N. B. Kensley,	300 00
Nov. 16, George B. Fellows,	42 38
Nov. 28, Ira B. Norris,	104 79
Dec. 9, L. S. Fellows,	50 00
	$4,641 64

School Money.

Paid S. W. Hill,	$81 00
A. P. Whicher,	29 17
John N. Blodgett,	34 80
P. R. Follansbee,	52 56
G. D. Sanborn,	27 10
John Quimby, Jr.,	17 74
Geo. F. Colburn,	35 81
James LaMott,	43 66
Henry Wilkinson,	26 37
O. O. Whicher,	12 67
	$360 97

Miscellaneous.

Paid State tax,	$300 00
County tax,	462 96
H. H. Woodward, care town house for 1881,	5 00
C. O. Barney, books and stationery,	5 53
S. W. Clement, for making deeds,	1 16
" " use of watering trough,	2 00
S. W. Hill, " " " 1881,	2 00
W. Y. Hill, " " " 1882,	2 00
F. A. Durkee, return of births and deaths,	75
C. O. Barney for printing Reports,	16 00

D. L. Guernsey for books,	2 80
Henry Morrill on non-resident land sale,	53 69
" " " " "	24 91
" " resident "	140 76
B. R. Norris, taking affidavit in York case,	1 00
Carrie Norris, boarding selectmen and auditors,	6 00
Ira B. Norris, time and expense to Manchester to settle with C. R. Morrison,	8 00
Ira B. Norris, time and expense to Concord to settle State tax,	5 60
Ira B. Norris, time and expense at Plymouth two terms court to settle pauper claims with County Commissioners,	8 00
Ira B. Norris, care town house,	3 00
John A. Norris, time and expense to Plymouth to pay County tax,	3 00
	$1054 16

Highways and Bridges.

Paid Amos P. Whicher,	labor on highway,	$ 70
B. R. Norris,	" "	1 50
W. C. Aldrich,	" "	14 10
Ira B. Norris,	" "	4 34
S. D. Clough,	" "	3 70
J. Rowen,	" "	2 60
W. E. King,	" "	3 00
A. E. Wallace,	" "	2 00
C. A. Black,	" "	1 00
P. R. Follansbee,	"	1 00
Henry Wilkinson,	"	3 00
Samuel Stevens,	"	4 70
F. Graham,	"	8 30
"	"	22 50
G. D. Sanborn,	"	1 20
A. P. Whicher,	"	1 50
J. A. Whicher,	"	3 00
S. H. Whicher,	"	6 00
Ira B. Norris,	"	2 00
Ira Reed,	"	1 50

T. J. Estes, labor on Stevens bridge,	20 12
S. Ellsworth, " Bickford "	11 25
J. Rowen, " highway,	2 40
L. P. Whicher, labor on Bickford bridge,	10 50
F. A. Dolloff, " "	1 50
A. F. Bickford, " "	10 00
James LaMott, plank,	38 93
D. S. Clough, labor on highway,	9 24
L. S. Fellows, plank and timber,	12 60
T. J. Estes, labor on Bickford bridge,	19 25
W. E. King, labor on highway,	8 60
G. C. Jesseman, labor on Bickford bridge,	59 37
Joseph Reed, labor on highway,	1 00
J. M. King, "	1 10
W. C. Youngman, labor and boarding help on Bickford bridge,	16 06
O. L. Whicher, coal to sharpen drills,	50
B. W. Brown, plank,	12 79
Ira Reed, labor on highway,	50
E. Colburn, "	5 00
G. W. Sturtevant, "	9 33
Wm. J. Sargent, "	3 21
E. L. Whicher, "	2 00
D. S. Clough, "	1 80
G. C. Jessemen, Stevens bridge,	27 50
Wm. & A. E. Wallace, labor on highway,	23 76
J. P. Elliott, "	10 70
A. Leavitt, "	21 55
S. W. Clement, "	12 65
F. L. Clement, "	1 20
William Buck, "	6 30
J. M. Fitts, material used "	4 80
P. B. Powers, "	3 00
F. Y. Burnham, " and lumber,	21 75
S. Merrill, "	2 00
H. Morrill, "	4 00
P. Blaisdell, "	3 50
G. Clougoy, "	6 78
H. Reed, "	4 80

John A. Norris,	"	and plank,	79 62
J. M. King,	"		1 70
H. P. Smith,	"	bridge,	1 50
C. Clough,	"	"	7 50
S. Stevens,	"	"	9 00
W. C. Youngman,	"	"	13 46
C. A. Black,	"		1 30
Wm. J. Sargent,	"		3 30
C. E. Noyes,	"		4 20
James LaMott,	"	and plank,	11 51
			$632 06

Damage on Highway.

Paid Reuben Whicher,	$10 00
Mary C. Clement,	1 90
J. M. Fitts,	3 95
G. C. Jesseman,	1 87
	$17 72

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid Ira B. Norris, 1st Selectman,	$51 75
James LaMott, 2d "	22 50
G. C. Jesseman, 3d, "	34 25
" " Overseer of Poor,	2 50
Ira B. Norris, " "	17 00
James M. King, supervisor,	12 00
W. W. Rowen, "	13 50
Byron Richardson, S. S. Committee,	22 75
B. R. Norris& S. W. Hill, Auditors,	3 00
Henry H. Woodward, Town clerk,	12 00
Henry Morrill, Collector 1881,	50 00
" " " 1882	30 00
John A. Norris, Treasurer,	18 00
	$289 25

Lawsuit Expenses.

Paid C. R. Morrison,	$466 66
F. D. Currier,	270 00
Burley & Adams,	220 00
E. Smith,	35 70
	$992 36

Support of Paupers.

Paid Ellen Buck, boarding Mary Powers,	$77 55
" " medicine " "	29 97
J. M. Fitts, for Mary Colburn,	18 00
Ellen Buck, morphine for Rhoda Jepperson,	8 64
Eaton, Davis & Co., shoes " "	1 00
R. F. Martin, boarding " "	8 56
A. E. Barney, shawl " "	2 00
J. M. Fitts, clothing " "	2 16
Samuel Stevens, board " "	12 60
Nancy M. Hill, board and clothing "	13 00
" " "	9 80
S. W. Hill, board, " "	5 00
G. F. Colburn, support G. C. Colburn,	96 00
O. L. Rand, goods for J. W. Brooks,	14 15
J. M. Fitts, " " "	70 72
O. L. Corliss, medical attendance,	6 75
" " " " Helen M. York,	8 75
Ella J. Waldron, care " "	26 00
G. W. Jesseman, funeral services " "	2 00
Abbie S. Wright, board " "	24 54
A. E. Barney, clothing " "	1 48
Maria H. Jesseman " "	10 00
J. C. Wheet, medical attendance " "	36 00
M. Y. Leavitt, digging grave " "	3 00
T. Sanborn, coffin, " "	13 00
F. A. Durkee, medical attendance Frank Reed,	3 00
J. C. Wheet, " " " "	1 00
" " " " D. Jepperson.	18 00
P. Blaisdell, goods for Daniel Jepperson.	7 78

J. M. Fitts, " " "	6 23
Joseph Reed, " " "	6 46
G. C. Jesseman, time and expense of burial at Lisbon of Daniel Jepperson,	13 30
J. D. Cross, funeral services of Daniel Jepperson,	3 00
T. Sanborn, coffin and box, " "	17 00
Town of Plymouth, support W. C. Ripley family,	39 00
H. J. Jesseman, aid Mrs. Wescott,	3 00
Samuel Stevens, board Bertie Cook,	17 25
C. L. Whicher, on examination of leg,	10 00
J. C. Wheet, med. att'd. John McGrath's wife,	71 00
	$714 69

Bounty on Crows.

Paid T. J. Estes, on 2 crows,	20
John Quimby, jr., 5 crows,	50
E. Goss, 4 "	40
F. Y. Burnham, 2 "	20
Isaac Burnham, 10 "	1 00
Eddie E. Clement, 2 crows,	20
J. M. Fitts, 5 "	50
Erven H. Reed, 1 "	10
C. Jesseman, 2 "	20
	$3 30

Abatements.

F. B. Smart, on dog,	1 00
Aaron Reed, tax 1880,	6 64
J. S. Calley, " "	6 48
H. H. Bailey, " 1879,	3 00
Thomas Murphy, tax 1879,	2 00
F. Carter, "	2 00
Israel Sharron, "	2 00
	$23 12

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. NORRIS, *Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows:

Received of H. H. Woodward, for use of town house,	$3 00
I. B. Norris, on land sale note,	3 90
A Hardy, on note,	20 00
County of Gratton,	52 41
I. B. Norris, on land sale note,	43 66
Selectmen, from sale of Jefferson property,	128 17
J. W. Burley, on land sale note,	14 82
I. B. Norris, " " "	10 60
State, on Bounties,	1 20
County of Grafton,	108 54
State savings bank tax,	95 47
" Literary fund,	62 10
I. B. Norris, on land sale notes,	40 60
Selectmen, balance sale Jefferson property,	23 71
Borrowed of Samuel Stevens, renewed note,	799 75
Henry Morrill, " "	967 75
Mary J. Swett, " "	515 72
Roxanna W. Leavitt, renewed note,	1325 00
Mary A. Hadley,	300 00
Sarah M. Martin, " "	193 47
Mary E. Davis, " "	100 00
H. J. Ellinwood,	200 00
Geo. W. Hadley,	100 00
Jonathan Kidder,	200 00
Harrison H. Stevens,	150 00
William Bachelder,	125 00
Roxanna W. Leavitt,	25 00
Amanda E. Hayward,	300 00
	$5909 86

Paid J. A. Norris, Town Treasurer.

March 10, 1882,	$799 75
April 8,	967 75
May 2,	1840 72
May 23,	372 41
June 9,	241 03
June 21,	145 99
Sept. 8,	100 00
Oct. 13,	210 60
Nov. 14,	559 74
Nov. 22,	125 00
Dec. 5,	25 00
Feb. 3, 1883,	157 57
Feb. 14,	240 00
Feb. 28,	124 30
	$5909 86

Due the Town March 1st, 1883.

C. O. Barnes,	$215 63
Non-resident lands,	435 93
State on Bounties for 1877 and 1878,	39 60
Abram Hardy, on note,	16 87
County of Grafton,	91 85
A. Woodward, for grass on Colburn place,	11 11
J. S. Merrill, " " "	18 00
J. W. Burley, on land sale notes,	97 83
Geo. C. Jesseman, " " "	30 58
Ira B. Norris,	142 55
Alden Youngman,	341 43
Ira B. Norris, Collector for 1876,	34 44
J. W. Burley, " 1877,	47 48
J. M. Fitts, " 1878,	7 28
I. B. Norris, " 1879,	47 89
Henry Morrill, " 1880,	44 52
Henry Morrill, " 1881,	215 27
Henry Morrill, " 1882,	1020 14
Claim on L. Colburn place,	250 00
In hands of Treasurer,	491 95
	$3600 31

Outstanding notes against the town,	$20,346 67
Due the town,	3,600 31
Debt above available means,	$16,746 36

Respectfully submitted,

IRA B. NORRIS,
GEORGE C. JESSEMAN, } Selectmen of Dorchester.

The undersigned, having examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer and Selectmen, for the year ending March 1st, 1883, find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

STILLMAN MERRILL,
HENRY MORRILL, } Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In presenting to the inhabitants of Dorchester my report for the past year, I would say that we have been unusually successful in obtaining good and experienced teachers. Consequently we have had, with one or two exceptions, what would necessarily follow—good and profitable schools. The amount of school money has been very small; in some districts as short a term as five or six weeks has been the length of the school. It is to be hoped that parents will see the necessity of a more liberal amount being provided for the coming year. With our limited allowance and the constant change of teachers, it is not to be wondered at that we cannot compete with other towns that have more advantages. But we can with a little effort, and a small additional outlay, retain our former and experienced teachers, and secure good schools even with our slender means. The report of each school as I have learned from my visits and examinations, is as follows:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer, taught by Miss Marie A. Dolloff, and was a pattern school in all respects. The scholars seemed to join with the teacher in making a successful term.

The winter term in this district was conducted by Mrs. Carrie J. Little. Although Mrs. L. was considered an efficient teacher, there seemed to be a lack of sympathy that is necessary between teacher and pupil, to make it a profitable school. As sickness obliged Mrs. Little to leave before the close of the term, am unable to report the progress made.

DISTRICTS NOS. 2 & 6.

Were taught by Mrs. R. W. Leavitt, with her usual good success. Let us by all means retain our former teachers, that have learned and know the capabilities of the different scholars, and can go to work understandingly to make the school a success.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Both terms taught by Miss Emma Jewell of Groton. Although this was her first effort at teaching, her school showed evidence at the close of good improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Both terms conducted by Miss Jennie S. Clark, and although composed mostly of small scholars, I was perfectly satisfied with her patience and efforts to make a model school.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Fall and only term taught by Miss Sadie R. Ash, of Plymouth. During my visits I found the school quiet and studious and the teacher doing her best to improve the school.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Fall term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Mary C. Clement, with a decided improvement on last year's school. She has done what has heretofore been a difficult thing to do. Kept the number of pupils good until the end of the term.

DISTRICTS NO. 8 & 10.

Taught by Miss Etta Leavitt. Although both small schools, they showed evidence at the close of diligent work and good results. No. 10 in particular, showed much interest, and very great improvement at the close of the term.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Taught by Miss Minnie L. Brown of Plymouth. Miss Brown's earnest efforts, and pleasant methods of teaching were crowned with great success, and it is hoped her services will be secured

for the ensuing year. Where we have had good teachers for the past year, let us retain them by all means, as scholars will make more improvement with them than with strangers.

The No. of scholars in each district and those attending to different branches will be found in the following

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. District.	Terms.	Names of Teachers.	Length in weeks.	Whole No. pupils.	No. in Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	No. bet. 5 and 15 not att'd'g school.
1	Summer.	Mary A. Dolloff,	7	20	14	10	4	1
1	Winter.	Carrie J. Little,	7.6	25	23	5	2	1
2	Fall.	Roxana W. Leavitt,	7.4	25	12	5		1
3	S.	Emma Jewell,	8	15	10	6	5	
3	F.	" "	13.6	10	9	5	2	
4	S.	Jennie S. Clark,	5	18	11	1	1	
4	F.	" "	13	20	15	7	2	
5	F.	Sadie R. Ash,	8.6	10	8	5	1	
6	S.	Roxana W. Leavitt,	5	9	2	1		
7	F.	Mary C. Clement,	8	15	7	4	2	
8	S.	Etta Leavitt,	8	5	3	2		
8	F.	" "	4	4	2	1		
10	F.	Etta Leavitt,	6	10	8	4		1
13	W.	Minnie L. Brown,	9	23	22	7	16	

Respectfully Submitted,

BYRON RICHARDSON, *Supt. of Schools.*